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14 **SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

16 Coordination Proceeding
17 Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

18 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER
19 CASES

20 RICHARD A. WOOD, an individual, on
21 behalf of himself and all others similarly
22 situated,

23 Plaintiff,

24 v.

25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
26 WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40; et
27 al.

28 Defendants.

Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding No. 4408
(Honorable Jack Komar)

Case No.: BC 391869

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL D.
MCLACHLAN RE: PUBLICATION
OF SUMMARY CLASS NOTICE
OF SETTLEMENT**

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL D. MCLACHLAN

I, Michael D. McLachlan, declare:

1. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge, except where stated on information and belief, and if called to testify in Court on these matters, I could do so competently.

2. I am co-counsel of record of record for Plaintiff Richard Wood and the Class, and am duly licensed to practice law in California.

3. Pursuant to the Court's order of April 6, 2015, counsel has caused the Summary Notice of the Small Pumper Class settlement to be published in the Los Angeles Times, the Bakersfield Californian and the Antelope Valley Press. Attached collectively as Exhibit 1 are the proofs of publication for the Summary Notice.

4. Prior to the Administrator issuing Class Notice by U.S. Mail, the Class website, www.avgroundwater.com, was updated with all of the settlement documents and the Class Notice. The website has been continuously operational since that time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th day of June, 2015, at Hermosa Beach, California.

**Michael D.
McLachlan**

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SETTLEMENT IN WOOD V. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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THE COURT HAS MADE NO DECISION AS TO LIABILITY AND THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THE ACTION.

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County of Cook**


I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the action for which the attached notice was published.

I am a principal clerk of the Los Angeles Times, which was adjudged a newspaper of general circulation on May 21, 1952, Cases 598599 for the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and State of California. Attached to this Affidavit is a true and complete copy as was printed and published on the following date(s):

Apr 12, 2015; Apr 19, 2015

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury
under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois
on this 12 day of May, 2015.



[signature]

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April 20, 2015

Mr. McLachlan
MICHAEL D. MCLACHLAN
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RE: Affidavit of Publication – SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION
- LACO DIST.#40

Enclosed please find 2 original signed Affidavit of Publication for the SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION - LACO DIST.#40 notice published on April 12, 19, 2015.

Thank you again for considering the Antelope Valley Press for your publication needs. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 267-4112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Adams", written over a faint, stylized logo of the Antelope Valley Press.

Alison Adams

Valley Press

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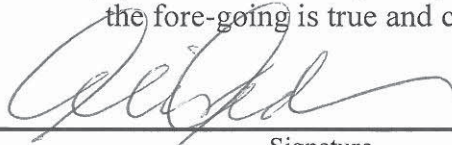
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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the **Antelope Valley Press**, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, under date of October 24, 1931, Case Number 328601; Modified Case Number 657770 April 11, 1956; also operating as the Ledger-Gazette, adjudicated a legal newspaper June 15, 1927, by Superior Court decree No. 224545; also operating as the Desert Mailer News, formerly known as the South Antelope Valley Foothill News, adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California on May 29, 1967, Case Number NOC564 and adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Lancaster, State of California on January 26, 1990, Case Number NOC10714, Modified October 22, 1990; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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Signature

Dated: April 20, 2015
Executed at Palmdale, California

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I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY TO OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED DAILY IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD COUNTY OF KERN,

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